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DANA to DOWNTOWN UPDATE Pile Driving and Closures Planned on State Route 44 in Redding

REDDING – Golden State Bridge, the contractor for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct pile driving operations on the Continental Street Bridge on State Route 44 in Redding on Saturday, June 28, 2008. The eastbound number two lane (outside lane) will be closed between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to allow room for construction equipment. The lane closure will be in effect from Shasta Regional Medical Center to Auditorium Drive. Residents will experience some slowing of traffic, more equipment near the roadway and **AN INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION NOISE.**

On June 30, July 1 and 2, 2008 between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. **the EASTBOUND LANES OF STATE ROUTE 44 will be CLOSED between Pine Street and the Interstate 5 separation** to through traffic to facilitate placement of the concrete beams in the center portion of the existing bridge. Detours will be available and clearly marked by changeable message signs. Once this work is complete, westbound traffic will be shifted to the median lanes and the north side of the structure will be demolished.

The Dana to Downtown project emerged from a 1997 study by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA). The RTPA governing board consists of the three members of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and four city council members from the three cities. Due to dwindling transportation revenues, it has taken more than 10 years to accumulate enough funding to complete the project. A big boost was provided by the voters in November 2006 with passage of Proposition 1B which finally put the project within fiscal reach. Fifty-four percent of the project is funded from state revenues approved by the RTPA. The remaining 46% will come from funds approved by the California Transportation Commission.

For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260

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